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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTA

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMCONSUL LAHORE

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

SECSTATE WASHDC 9023

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E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, OTRA, AF, IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN VISAS

1. IRANIAN EMBASSY KABUL HAS INFORMED US THEY HAVE RECEIVED  
DIRECTIVE FROM TEHRAN NOT REPT NOT TO ISSUE ANY TOURIST OR TRANSIT  
VISAS UNTIL AFTER ASIAN GAMES FINISH ON SEPTEMBER 17. AS FAR  
AS IRANIAN EMBASSY KNOWS, VISAS ALREADY ISSUED WILL BE HONORED.  
TRANSIT OF TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT IS STILL PERMITTED,  
PROVIDED PASSENGERS REMAIN IN AIRPORT.

2. WE EXPECT MANY OVERLAND TRAVELERS WILL BE STRANDED IN  
AFGHANISTAN. SOME OF THOSE TRAVELLING WITHOUT THEIR OWN VEHICLES  
MAY BE WILLING TO OVERFLY IRAN, BUT MOST WILL NEED EMBASSY'S  
HELP IN CONTACTING RELATIVES FOR THE UNFORSEEN EXTRA FUNDS  
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NEEDED. THOSE WITH VEHICLES APPARENTLY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT

TO WAIT FOR IRANIANS TO ISSUE AGAIN.

3. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISAS WILL BE  
ISSUED AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST AS USUAL, AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED  
WILL BE HONORED.

4. FOR TEHRAN: CAN YOU CONFIRM ACCURACY OF ABOVE INFORMATION  
OR ADD TO IT? IN VIEW OF FACT MANY U.S. -OWNED VEHICLES WILL  
BE INVOLVED, COULD WE POSSIBLY DEVELOP SYSTEM WHEREBY EXCEPTIONS  
COULD BE MADE, PERHAPS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT APPLICANTS WOULD  
TRANSIT IRAN BY CASPIAN ROUTE WITHOUT CROSSING THE ALBORZ INTO  
TEHRAN AREA? SEEMS TO US SOME POSSIBILITY REAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
PROBLEM FOR IRAN MAY BE INVOLVED IF ALL TRANSIT STOPPED.  
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